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PREFACE

This report is a summary of selected information on transportation and infiltration activity in Southeast Asia, primarily the Laotian Panhandle, as reported by NPIC during the period indicated on the cover. For a comprehensive study of road development in this area prior to 1 April 1966 see NPIC R-110/66, Communist Road Net Development in the Laotian Panhandle (CONFIDENTIAL/

Items are numbered and arranged according to location from north to south. Annotated maps of varying scales have been included to assist the reader in locating the items. Each large-scale map depicts all motorable roads photographically confirmed by NPIC, unless otherwise indicated.

Missions, mission dates, frames, and NPIC cable and briefing board references are listed after each item, as appropriate.

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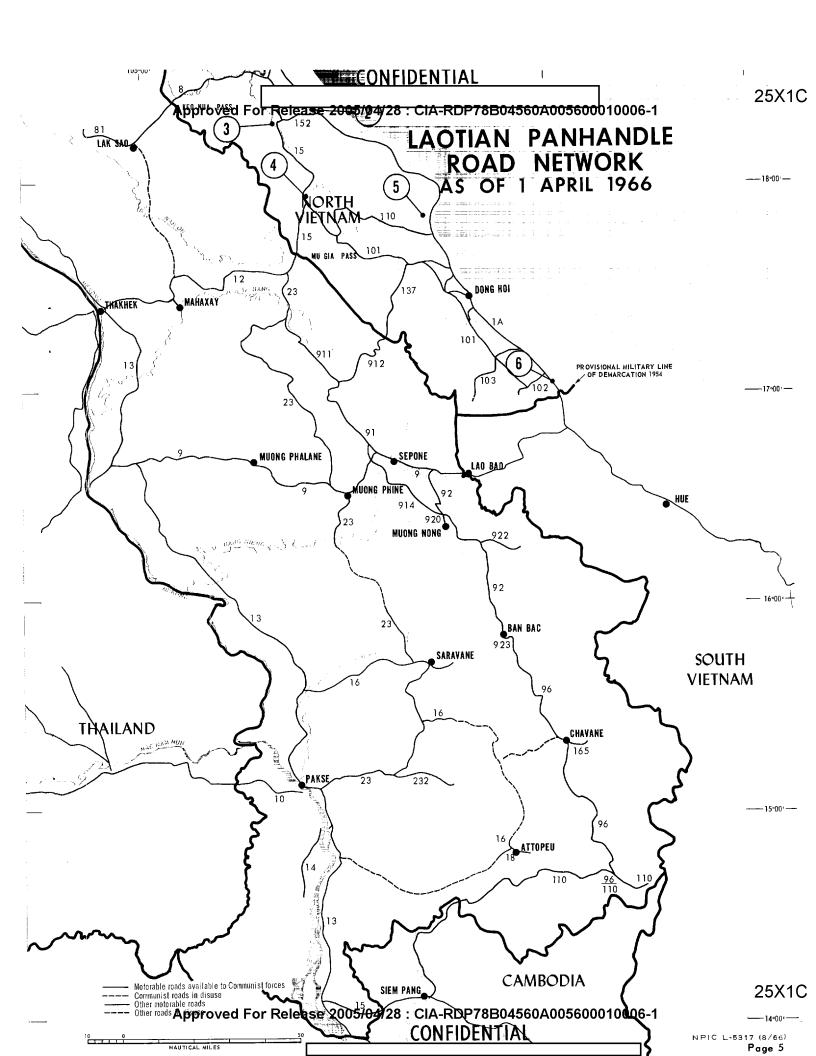
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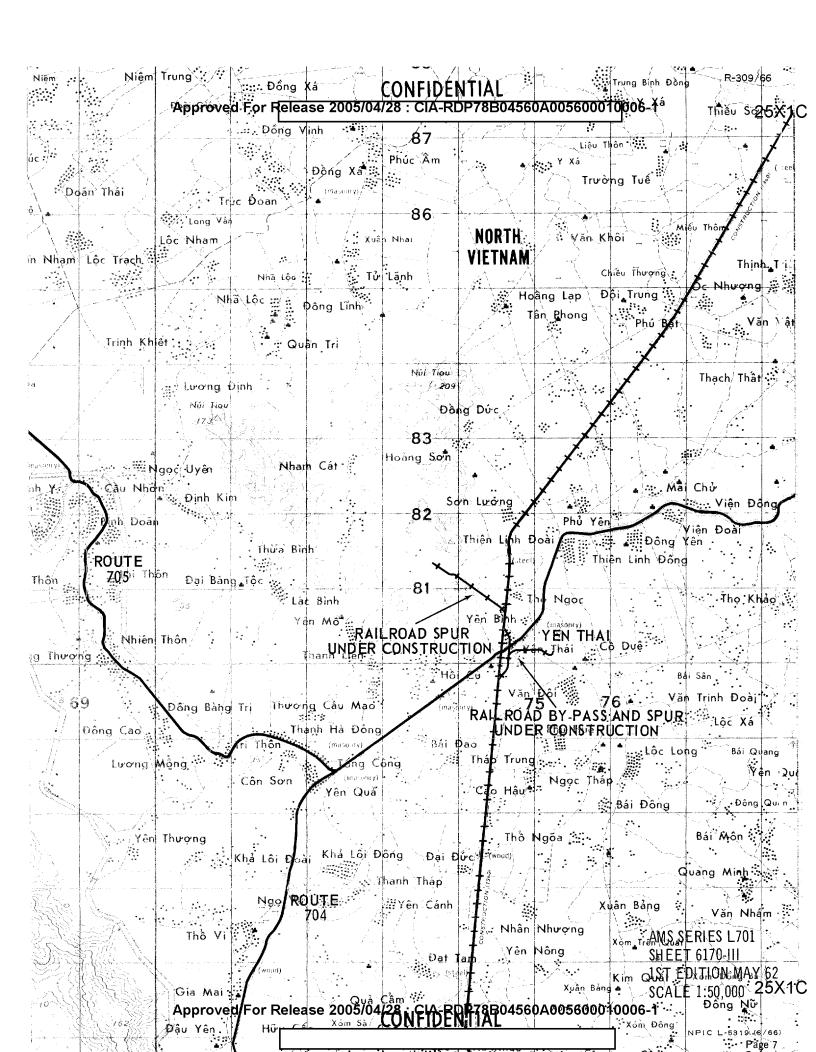
1. Railroad Construction, Thanh Hoa/Vinh Rail Line, North Vietnam

A railroad by-pass is under construction around the damaged Thien Linh Dong Railroad Siding on the Thanh Hoa/Vinh Rail Line. The by-pass railbed extends east from the main line at UTM WG746804, then south to rejoin the main line at UTM WG745798. A rail spur under construction extends east from the by-pass at UTM WG746801 to the probable site of a water-to-rail transshipment point on the southeast bank of the Huang Giang (river) at UTM WG752802. Some ties, but no rails, have been laid on the by-pass and the spur (Figure 1). An additional rail spur in the early stage of construction extends northwest from the main line at UTM WG746808 to approximately UTM WG737813.

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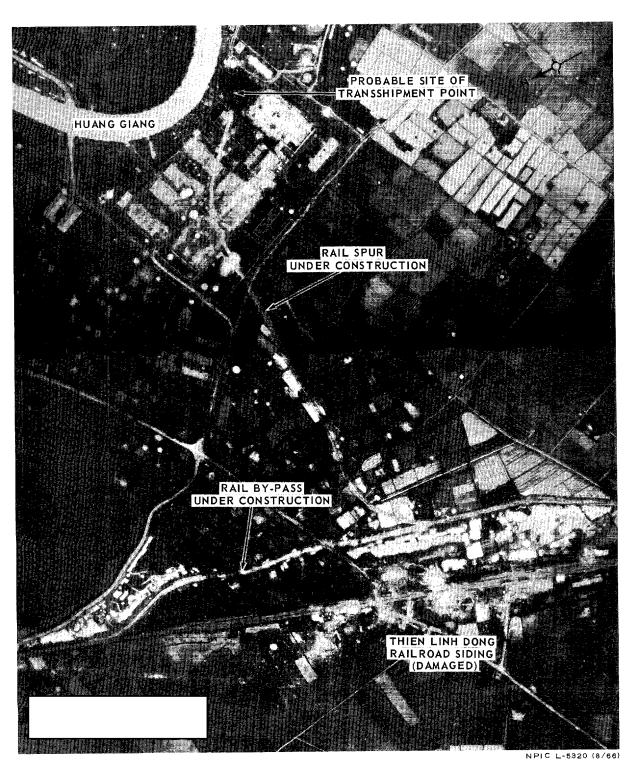


FIGURE 1. RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION, THANH HOA/VINH RAIL LINE, NORTH VIETNAM

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2. Vehicular Cable Bridge Under Construction, Route 1A, North Vietnam

A vehicular cable bridge is under construction at the destroyed Ha Tinh Highway Bridge West over the Song Chau Lam on Route 1A at 18-21N 105-52E (UTM WF921304). The cable anchorages are uncovered and are probably incomplete (Figure 2). A total of 27 vehicular and railroad cable bridges has been identified or confirmed by NPIC to date.

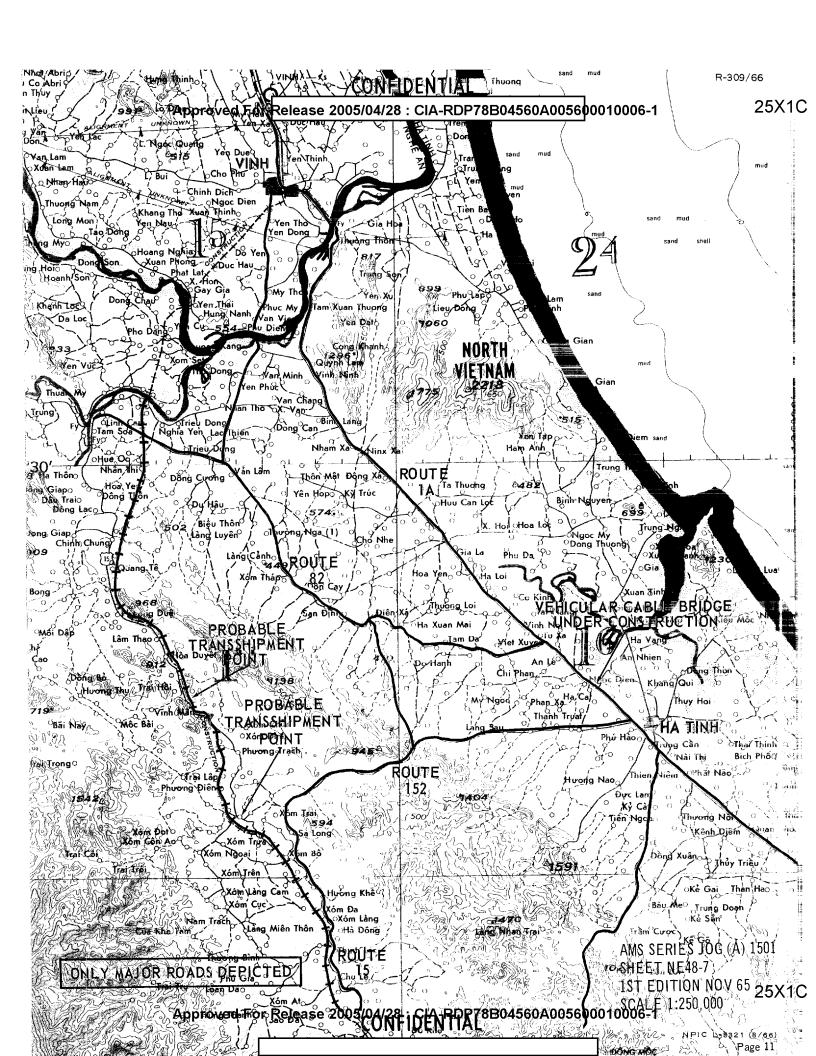
3. Probable Water-to-rail Transshipment Point, Vinh/Dong Hoi Rail Line, North Vietnam

A rail spur extends northeast from the Vinh/Dong Hoi Rail Line at 18-17N 105-38E (UTM WF680214) to a probable water-to-rail transshipment point at the confluence of the Rao No and the Ngan Sau'Giang (rivers) at UTM WF685218. Track activity extends from the end of the spur to the river. No river craft or open storage is observed in the area.

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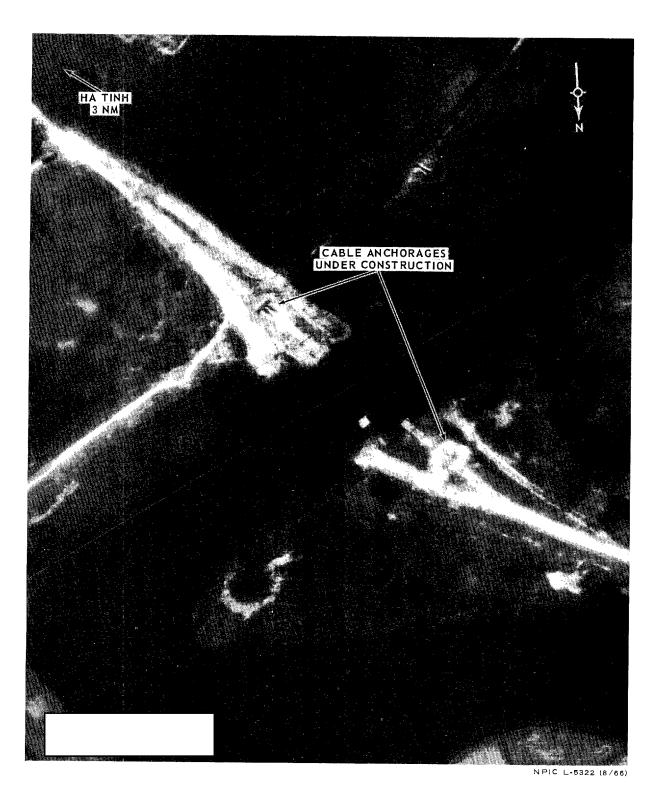


FIGURE 2. VEHICULAR CABLE BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION, ROUTE 1A, NORTH VIETNAM

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4. Truck Park, Route 15, North Vietnam

A small truck park with seven dispersed vehicle parking slots is located between Route 15 and Xom Ca Trang at 17-56N 105-49E (UTM WE868843). Two buried POL tanks and three empty excavations are observed in a POL storage area within the park (Figure 3).

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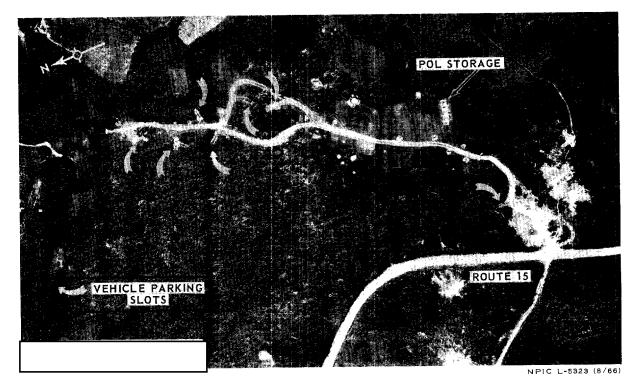
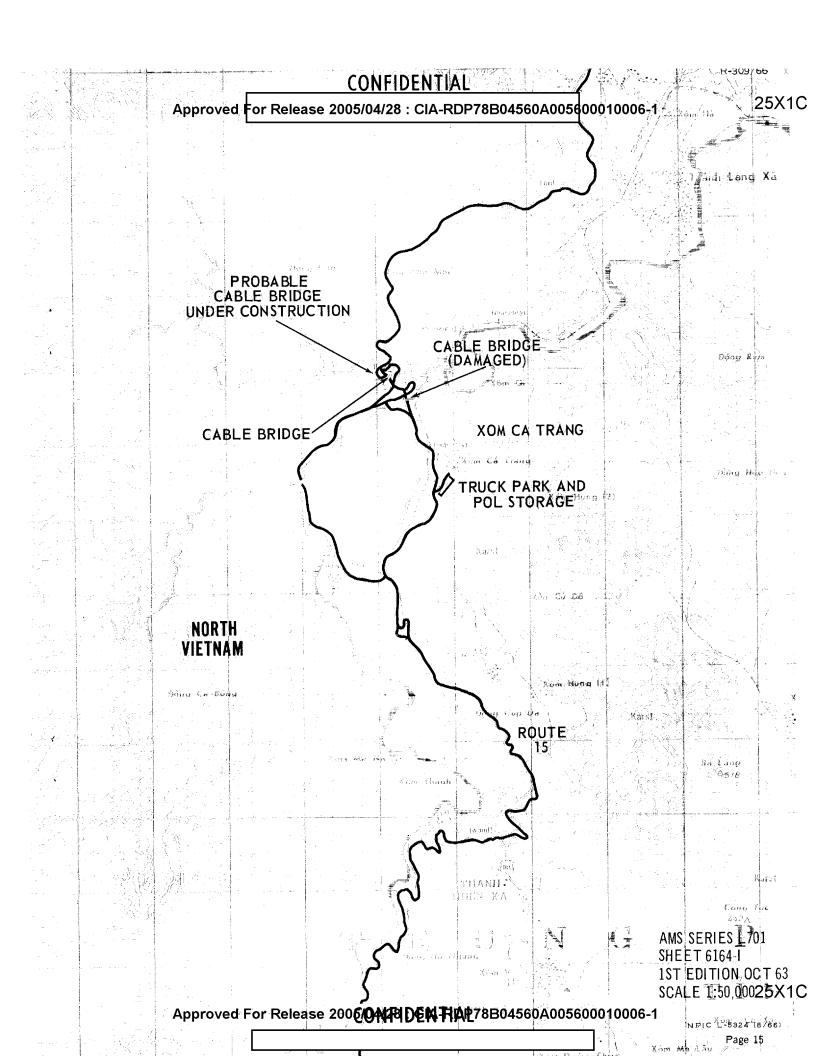


FIGURE 3. TRUCK PARK AND POL STORAGE AREA, ROUTE 15, NORTH VIETNAM



5. Road Activity, Route 108, North Vietnam

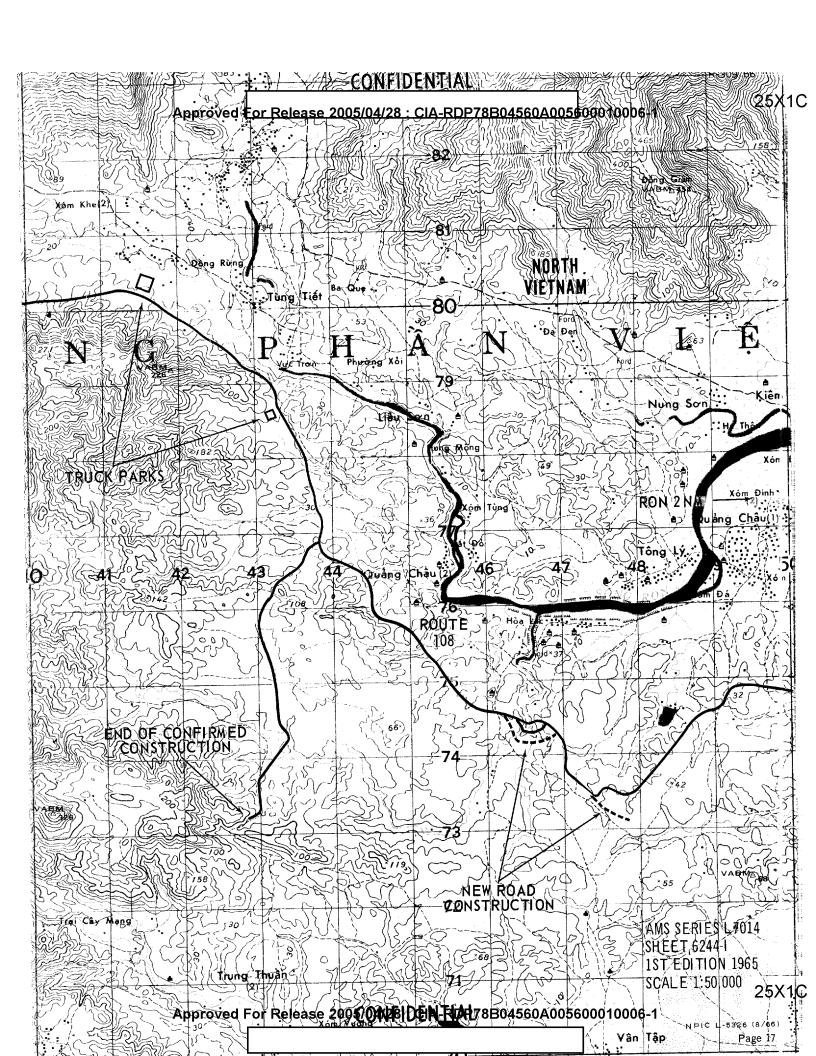
Route 108 remains under construction, although it is serviceable from Route 1A at 17-51N 106-26E to 17-59N 106-12E, the limits of photographic coverage. Road construction extends southeast from Route 108 at UTM XE474734 to XE476732, and a survey line continues to UTM XE479731. Multiple stream crossings are under construction in the vicinity of UTM XE465744. Six heavily camouflaged trucks are on the road between 17-57N 106-15E and 17-54N 106-19E. Five camouflaged trucks are observed in the vicinity of two occupied four-position light AAA sites, each with canvascovered positions, at UTM XE356854 and XE282896 (Figure 4). An active truck park is at UTM XE432786.

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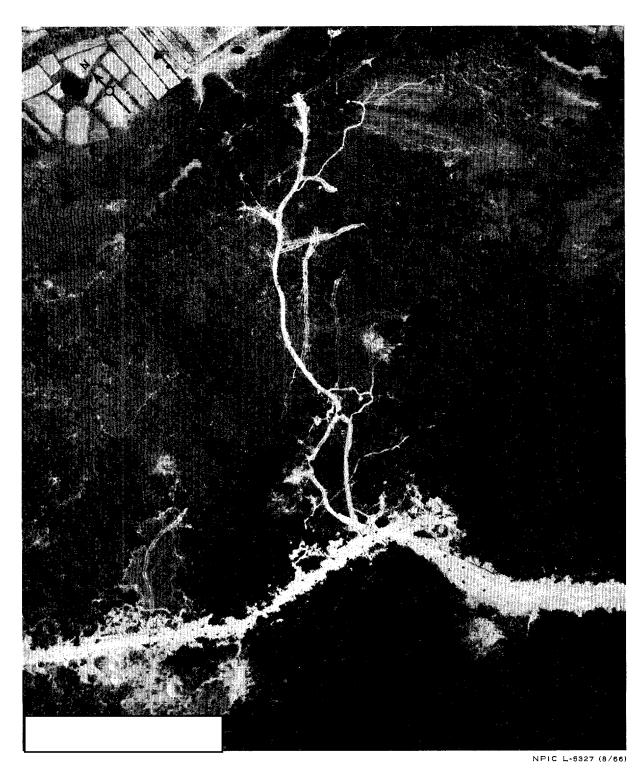


FIGURE 5. TRUCK PARK, ROUTE 108, NORTH VIETNAM

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6. Telecommunication Poles, Route 1A, North Vietnam

Telecommunication poles are observed in North Vietnam approximately 3 nm north-northwest of the Line of Demarcation. Poles are observed paralleling Route 1A within the limits of photographic coverage from 17-04N 107-00E to 17-06N 106-58E. A total of 74 poles in seven piles are located along Route 1A from UTM YD106918 to YD086943 (e.g. Figure 6). Additional poles are aligned on the ground, obliquely crossing Route 1A from UTM YD112914 to YD103915 (Figure 7). All poles have round concrete bases; some have crossarms with varying numbers of insulators.

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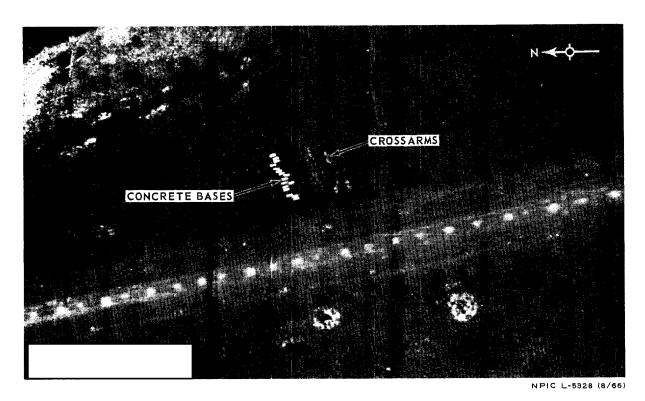


FIGURE 6. TELECOMMUNICATION POLES, ROUTE 1A, NORTH VIETNAM

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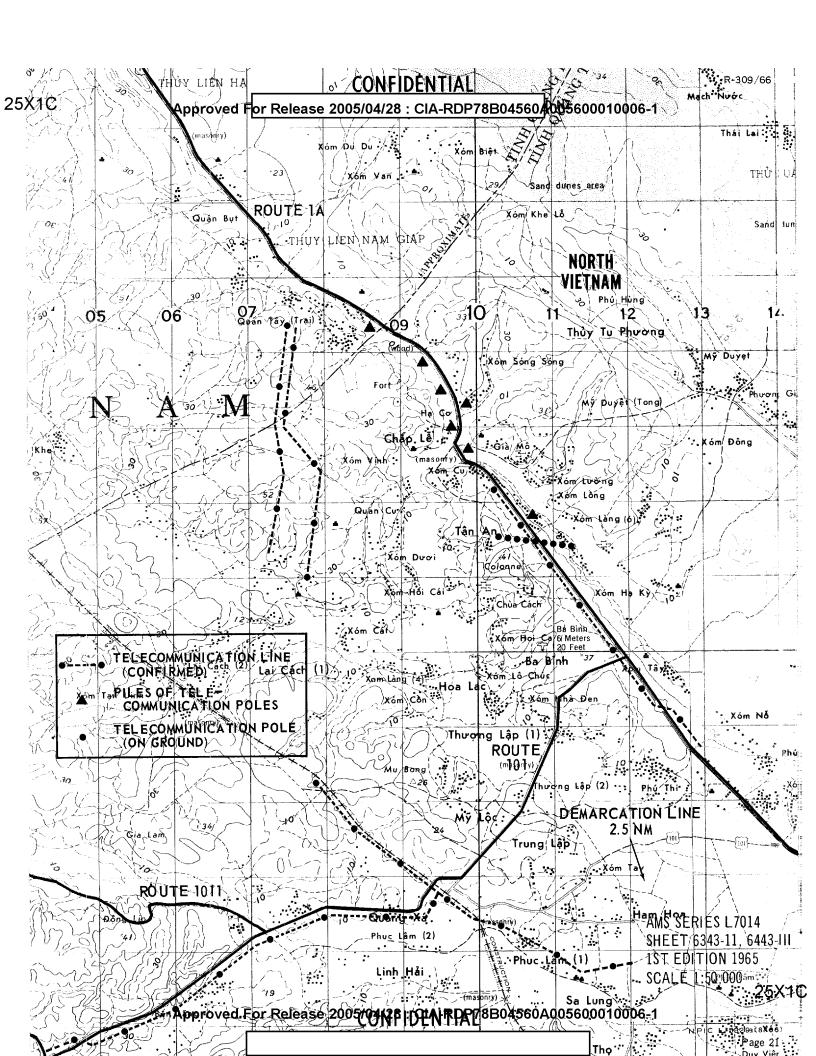




FIGURE 7. TELECOMMUNICATIONS LINE UNDER CONSTRUCTION, ROUTE 1A, NORTH VIETNAM

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